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THE BLE MAGAZINE



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PARTY PAT PRESENTS

FRIDAY
SEPT. 18

When the sun
goes down

MARCELINE

THE VAMPIRE QUEEN

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(Fire Kingdom)

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NO JERKS
NO GHOSTS

@ THE NASTY CAVE
(ASK A PUNK)

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YOUR **BLE** DAY

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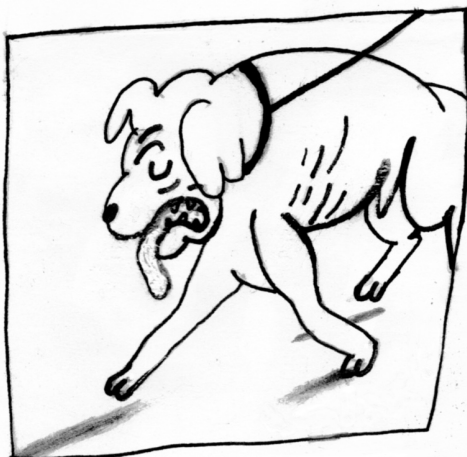
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BLE neighbor



BLE job



Walking the BLE dog



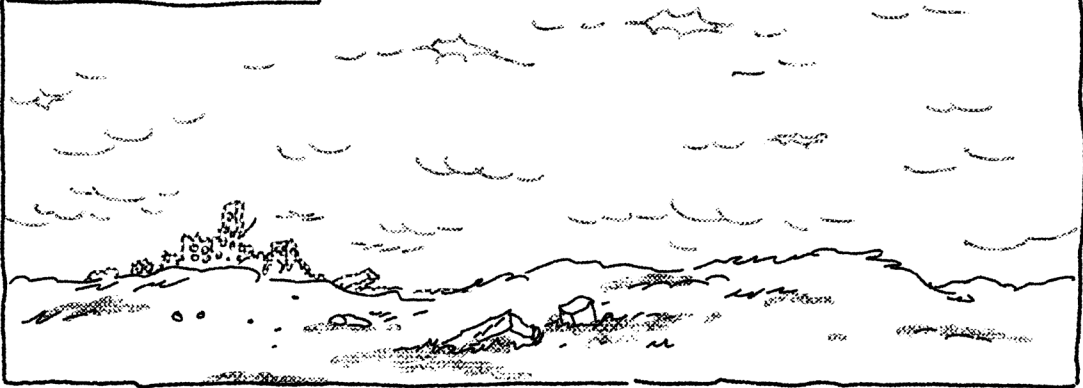
BLE 'relationship'



There's no
punchline,
everything is
just BLE !

KINGS OF OOS (BY STEVE WOLFHARD)

THE YEAR: 1000+

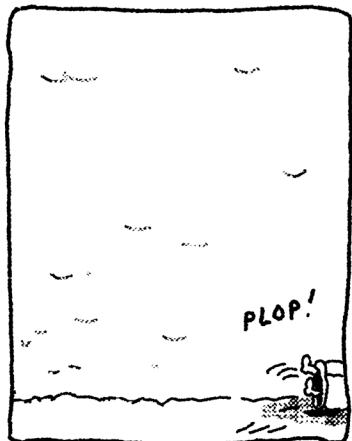


HEY, WHERE IS
EVERYONE?



THE KING
OF OOO IS
THE LAST
MAN LEFT
ALIVE!

PLOP!



OOF, I THINK THERE'S
SOMETHING WRONG
WITH MY BRAIN.

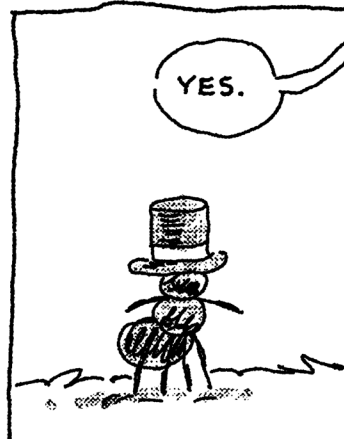
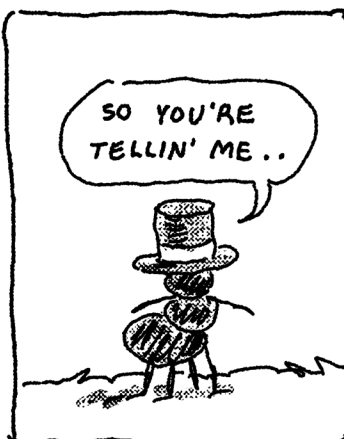


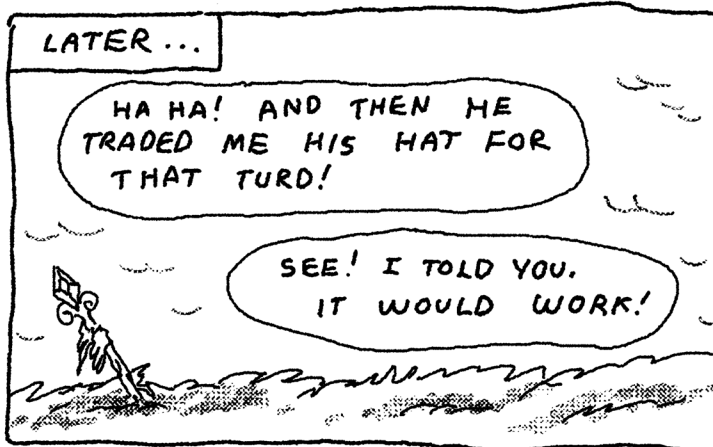
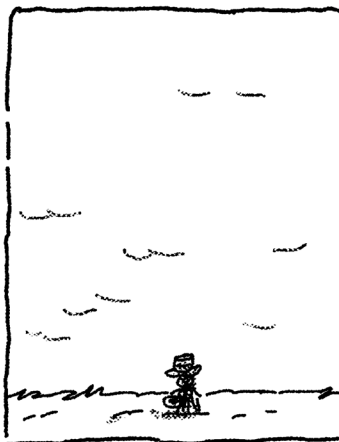
YEAH, IT'S
STUPID!!



PLOP!!!

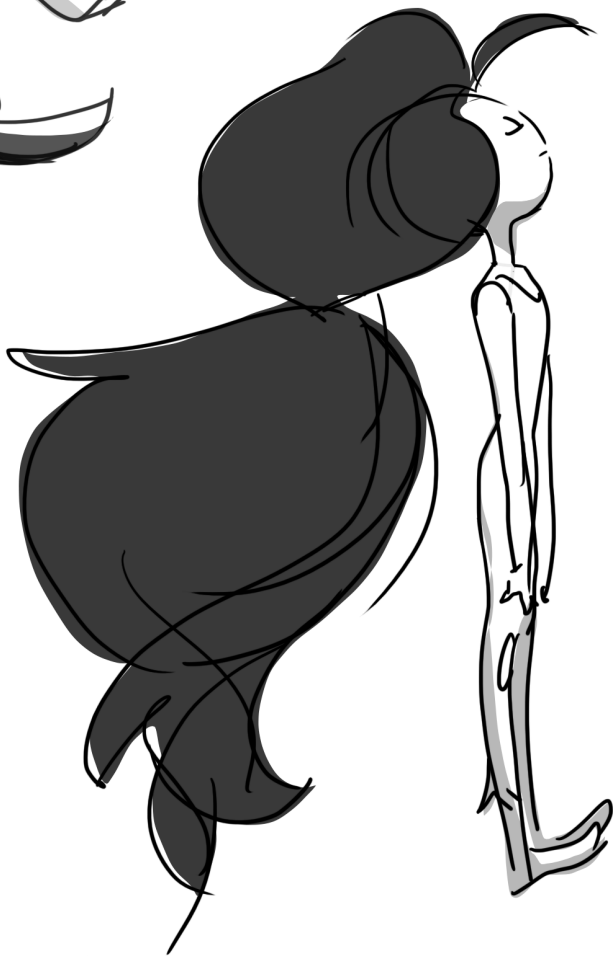








PLOP.



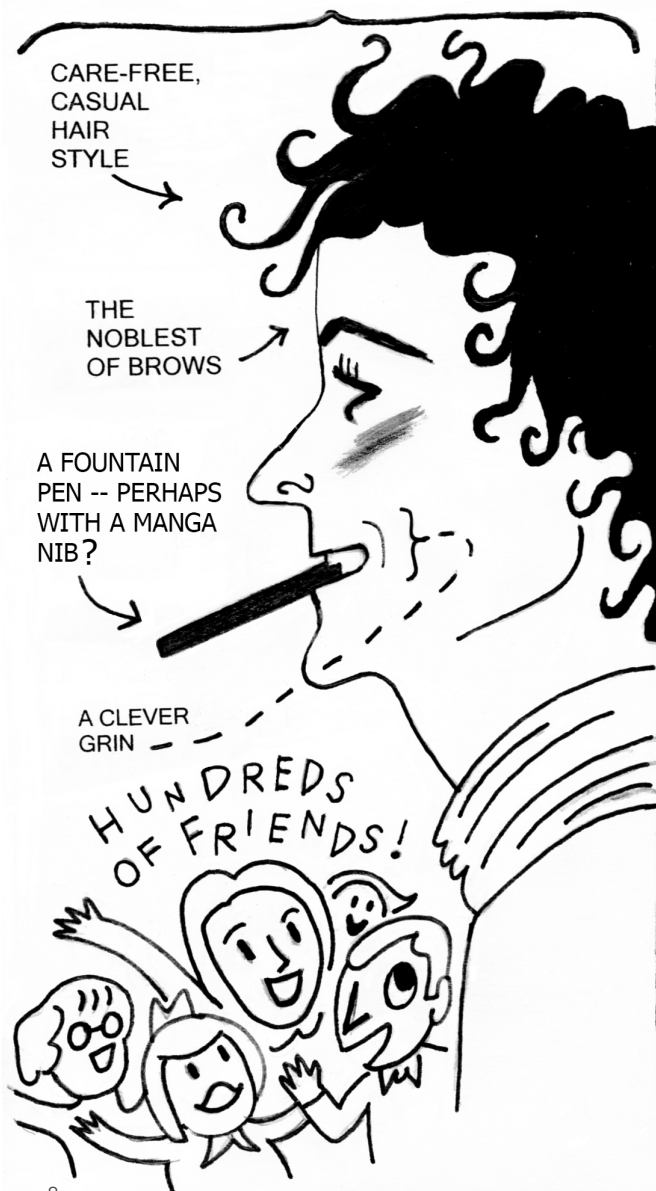
HUH... MY VAULT
FEELS LIGHTER...



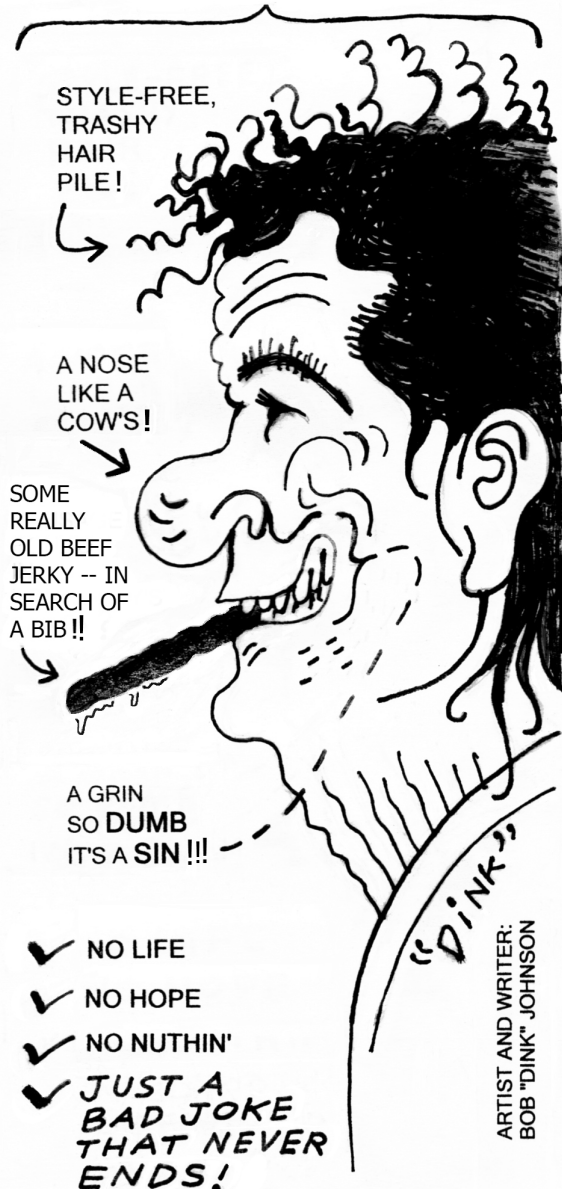
VAETH

THE **BLE** READER ...

HOW THEY SEE
THEMSELVES



HOW THEY ARE
SEEN BY OTHERS



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DON'T YOU HATE IT WHEN . . .

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. . . the fries are really tiny



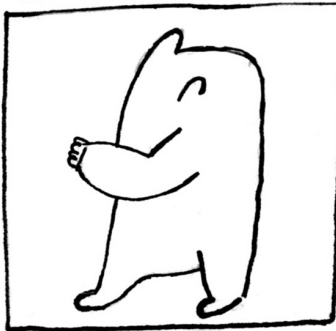
. . . your butt leaves
an impression
in the chair



. . . you see an ugly man



. . . you fall down



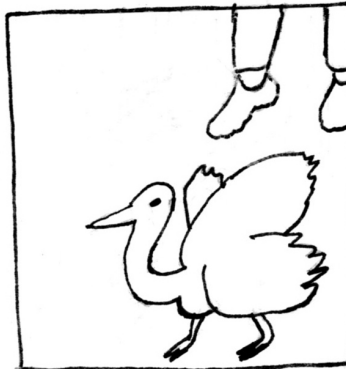
. . . they dress you up like an
animal (when you're a child)



. . . nobody likes you



. . . you're covered with sweat



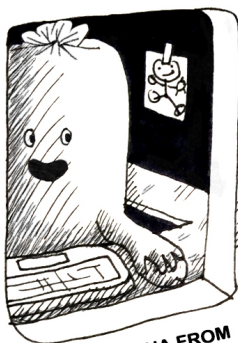
. . . an animal scares you



. . . you realize that you
are worthless

THE MUSIC HOLE

BY
THE
MUSIC
HOLE



HI THIS IS JUSTINA FROM
LIQUIDCANDY AUDIO
RETURNING A CALL ABOUT
CUSTOM HEADPHONES.
IS THIS THE MUSIC HOLE?

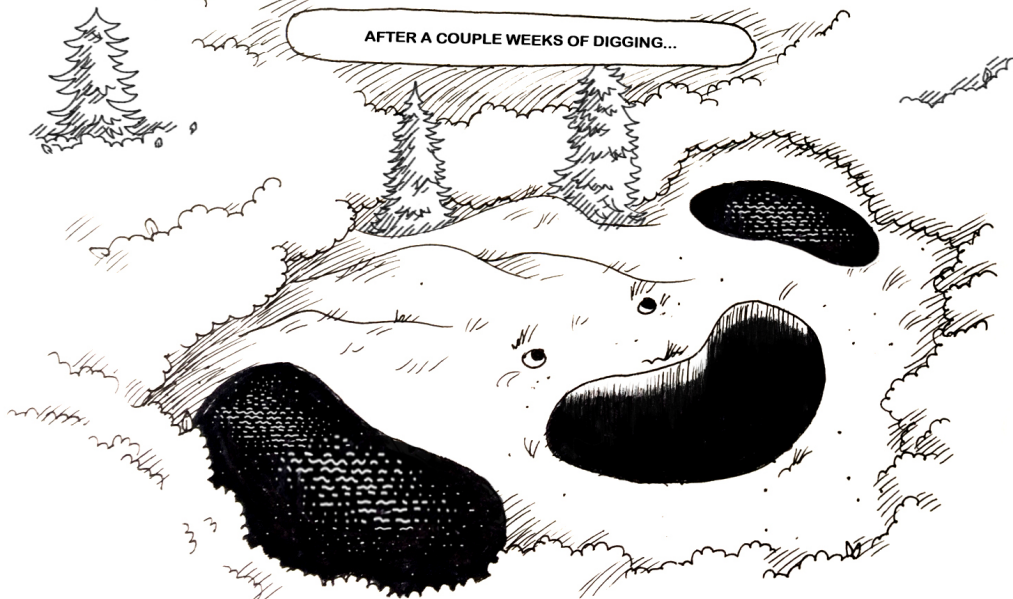
HI!

YES, THIS IS SHE.

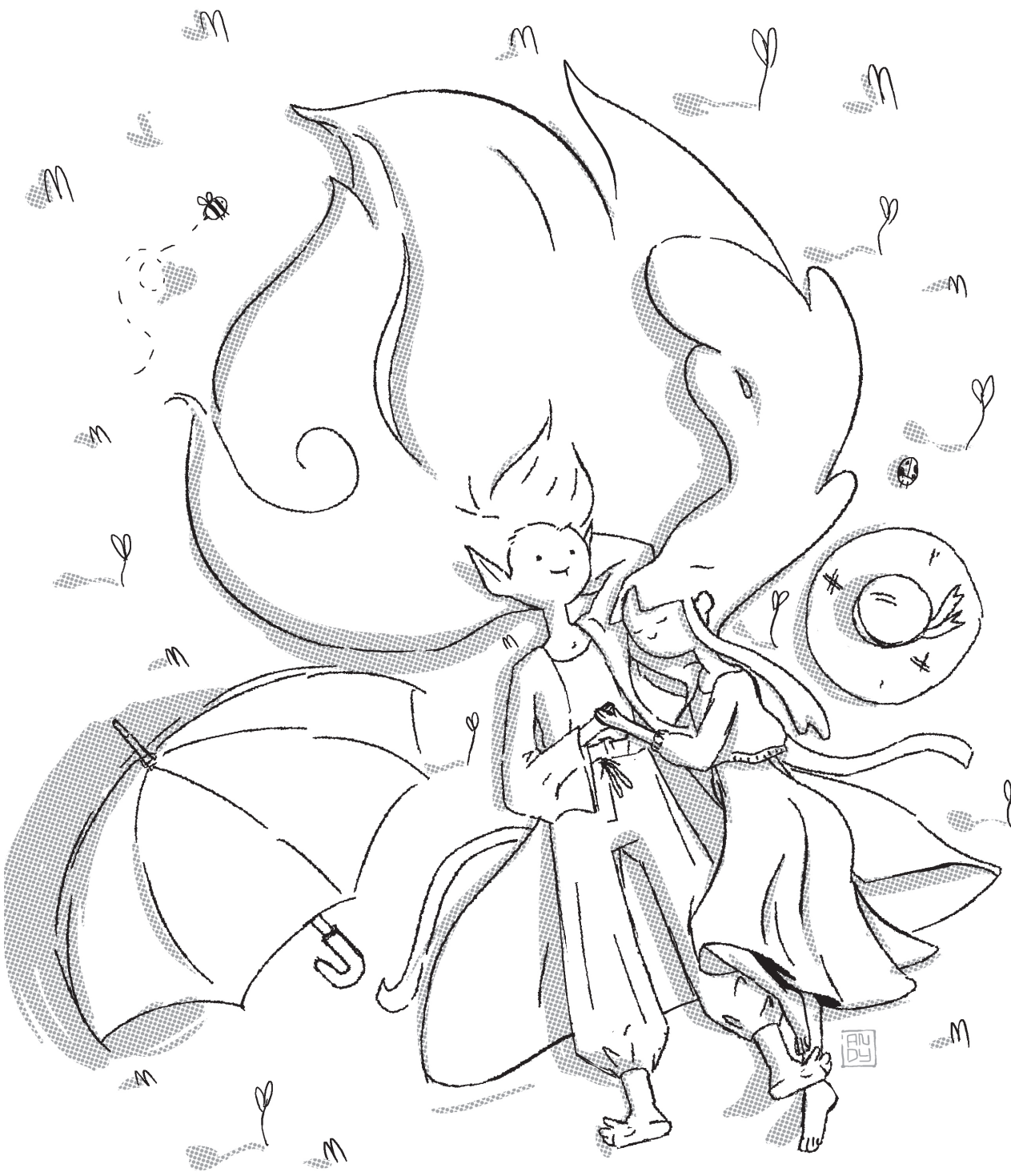
THANK YOU FOR RETURNING MY CALL.

SO HERE'S MY SITUATION: I NEED TO RECORD A LOT OF LAYERS OF VOICES
AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE A WHILE. PROBLEM IS, MY CURRENT HEADPHONES
HURT MY FACE WHEN I WEAR THEM FOR SUCH A LONG TIME.
I COULD REALLY USE SOME CUSTOM HEADPHONES.

AFTER A COUPLE WEEKS OF DIGGING...



THANKS JUSTINA!
THESE EAR-PONDS WORK GREAT!





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oh boy, the
mail is here!

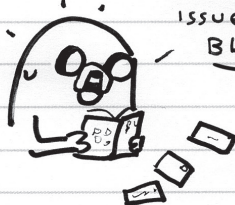


Bills...bills..
bills...

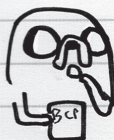


(Gasp!)

The latest
issue of
BLE!



Gee, I promised
Finn I'd let him
read it first...



..but I just can't
help myself! oh
well, he'll never
know, heh heh..



(read,
read,
read)



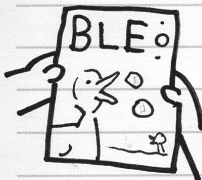
AHHAAAA
HAHAHA!



OH
NO!



Some of my
laughter tears
got on the
cover! Finn's
gonna be
so mad!



No he's
not



Finn!



check the
address label



"Take
the
Dog?"



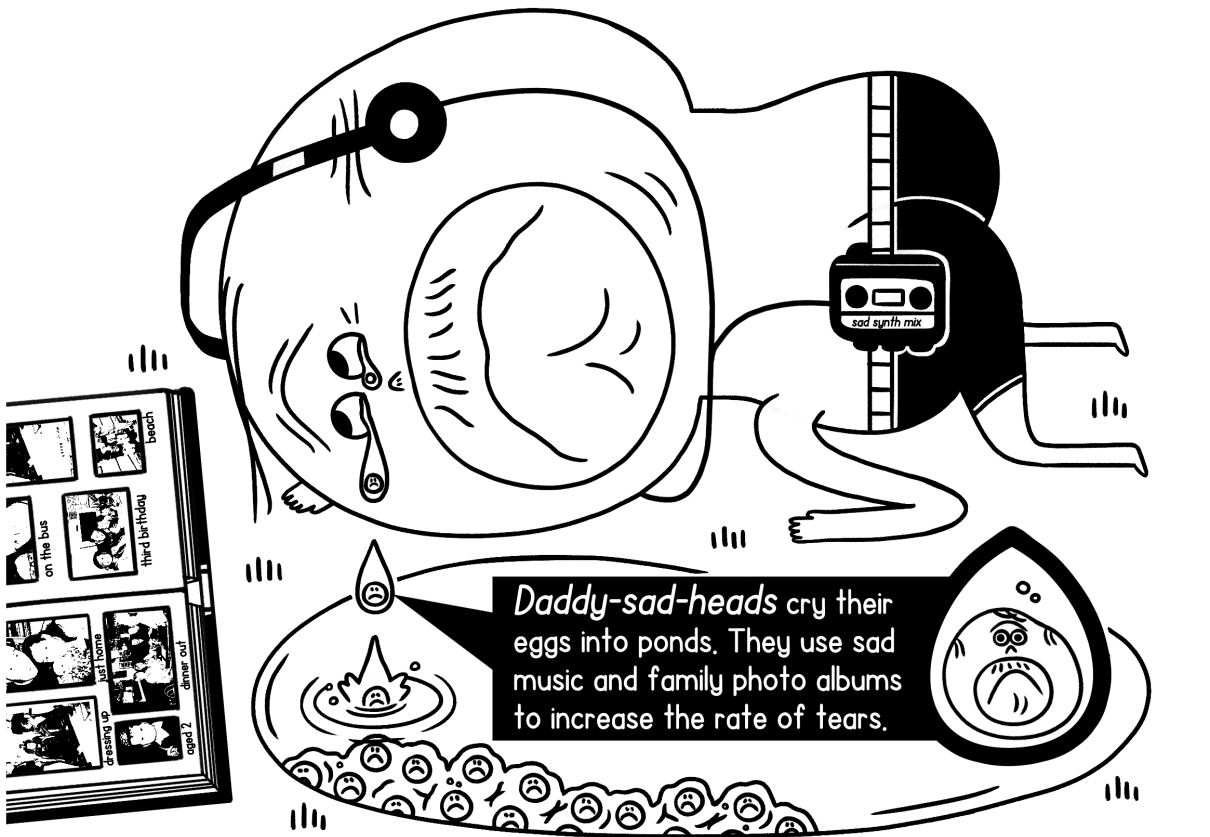
I got you your
own subscription.



Aw!



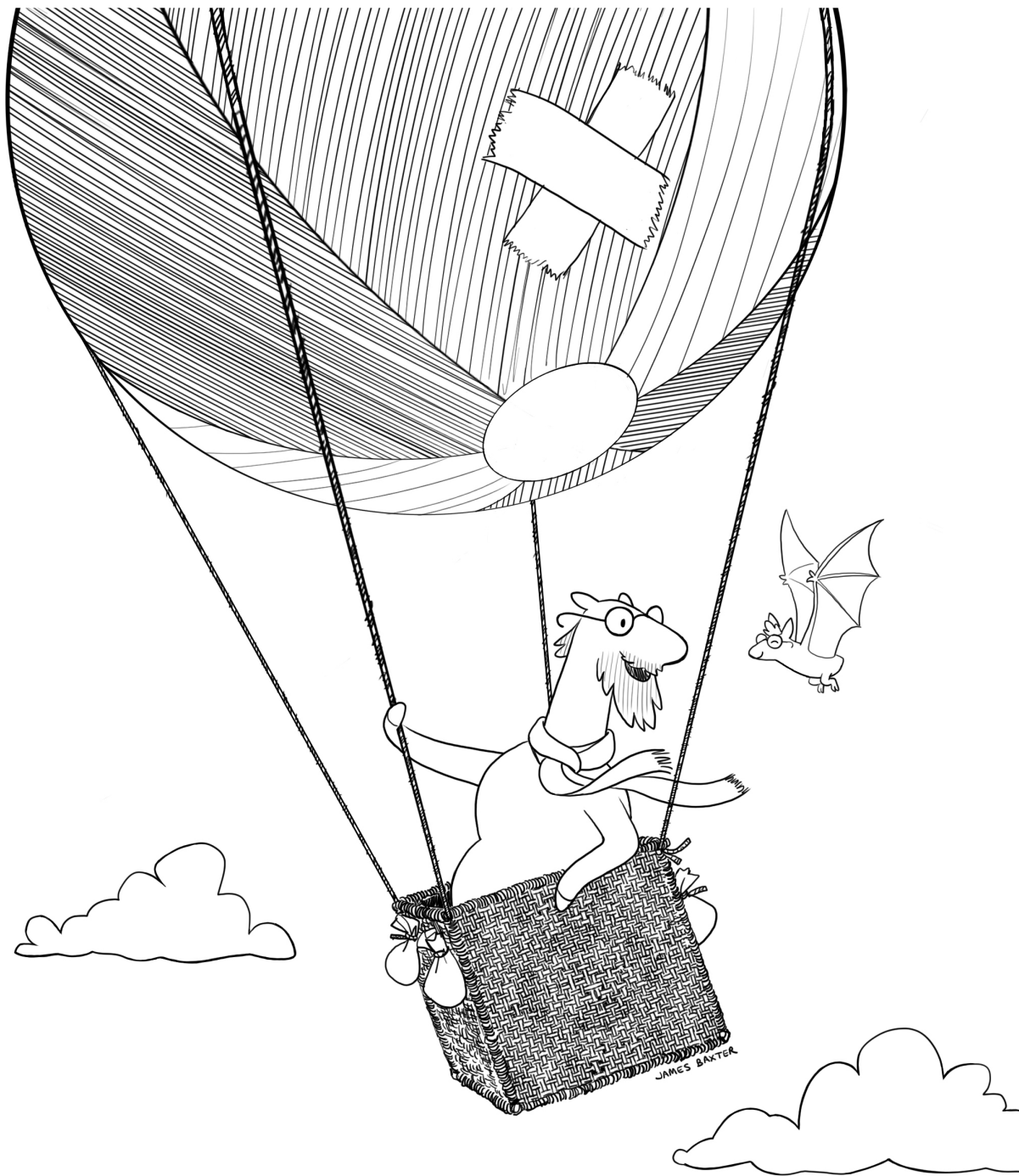
Daddy-sad-fact



Davey 'swatpaz' Ferguson



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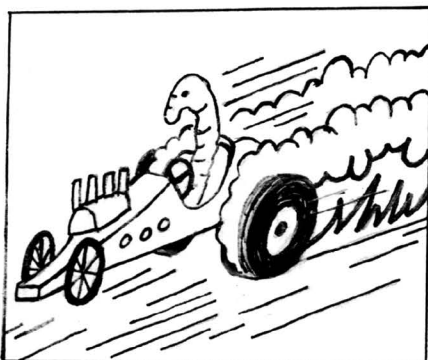


WORM WORLD

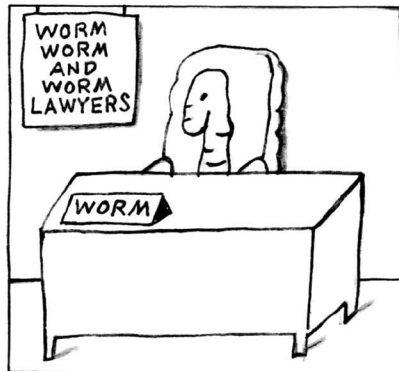
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URN WORM



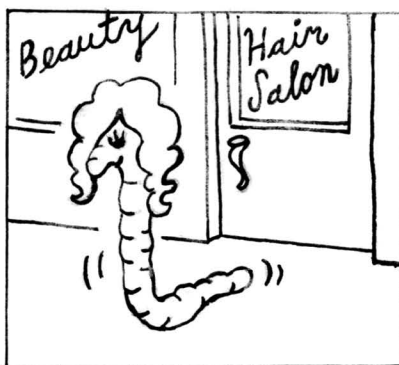
BURN WORM



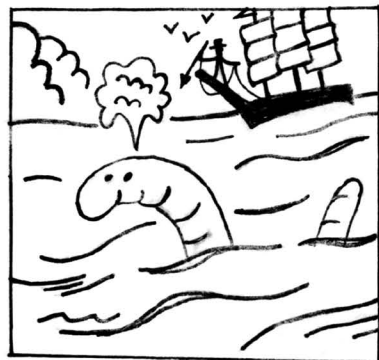
FIRM WORM



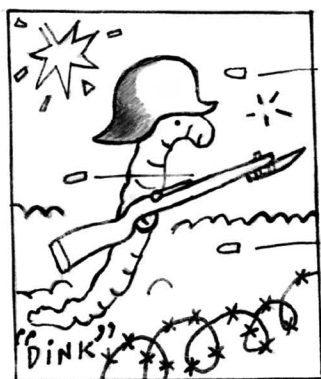
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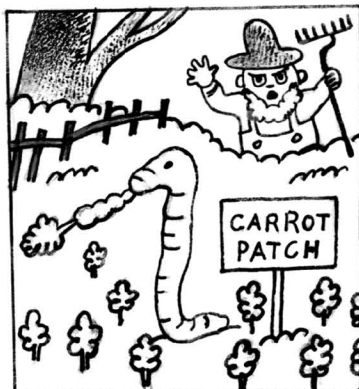
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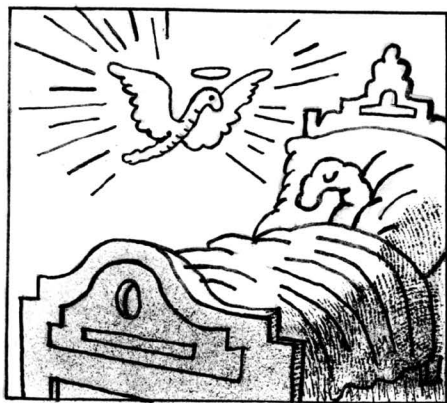
SPERM WORM



STURM WORM



THAT DURN WORM!

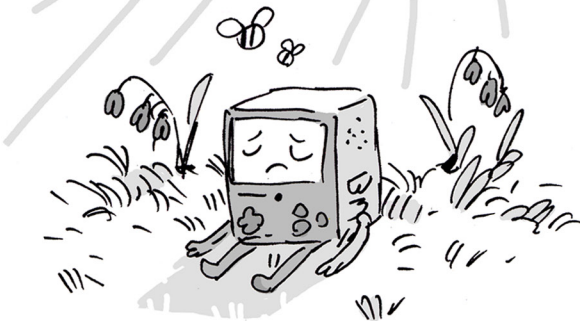


DIED-OF-A-GERM WORM

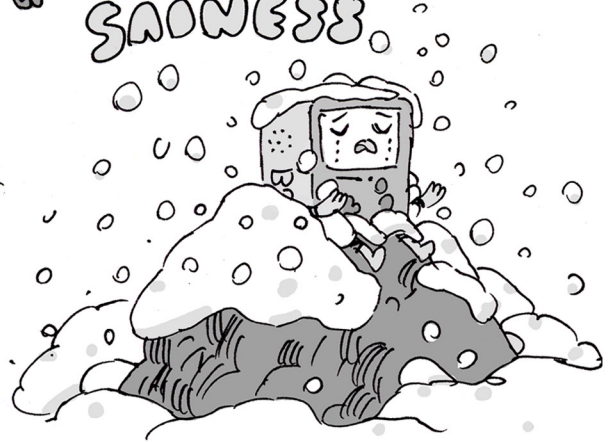
THE 4 SEASONS

STARRING BMO!

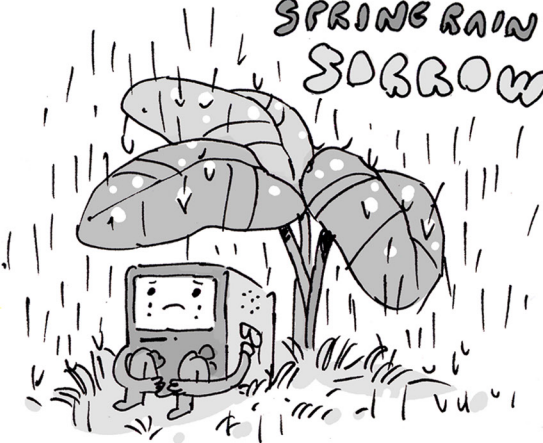
SUMMER SUN
SOMBRENNESS



WINTER SNOWFALL
SADNESS.



SPRING RAIN
SORROW



FALL THUNDER
TANTRUM



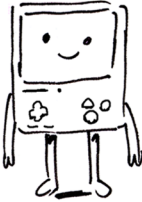
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— FOOTBALL

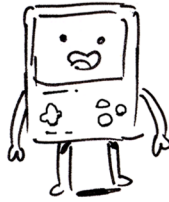
FUN WITH EMOTIONS!

STARRING BMO!

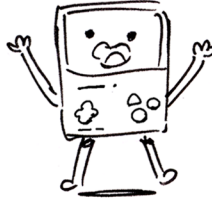
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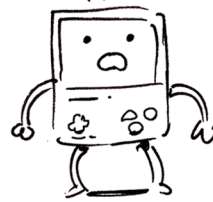
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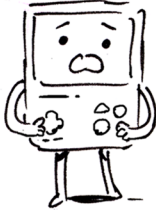
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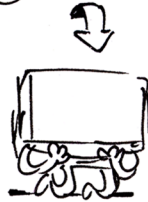
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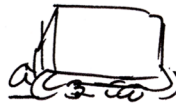
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① NEUTRAL

② HAPPY

③ EXCITED!

④ SURPRISED

⑤ WORRIED

⑥ SCARED

⑦ SAD

⑧ VERY SAD

⑨ WRETCHED

⑩ MISERABLE

⑪ INCONSOLABLE

⑫ BLE

— FOOTBALL



otakuin

LOGZU OF THE COSMOS

A superbeing from distant outer space awakens from his ancient slumber...



... LOGZU OF THE COSMOS!

Traveling faster than light, Logzu surveys the Universe for signs of life.



He soon comes upon a small blue planet... a planet we know as EARTH!



What are these weak things crawling upon this small rock? Why they are like ants to me!

Y'know, a man just can't seem to catch a break these days, can he?

You're tellin' me?



Ahh... so they call themselves "Man"! Hah! What a foolish name! I, the great LOGZU, will destroy them quite easily!



With a mighty clap of my enormous hands I shall crush their entire planet all at once!



Huh? Who's calling me?

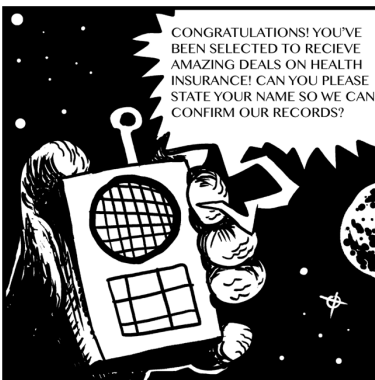
Hello?

HI. SORRY, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

Yes. Who's this?

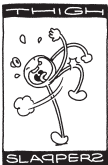


CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'VE BEEN SELECTED TO RECIEVE AMAZING DEALS ON HEALTH INSURANCE! CAN YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME SO WE CAN CONFIRM OUR RECORDS?



END

'THE CURVE OF THE EARTH, AND ITS FATAL FLATNESS'



A DOG, A SOLDIER AND AN OIL MAGNATE WALK INTO A DINER.

ONE EATS WHATEVER THEY'RE GIVEN,
ONE ENJOYS A MEAL ON THE HOUSE,
AND ONE JUST ORDERS A COFFEE, BUT SHOUTS "HEY EVERYBODY, LUNCH IS ON ME!"

BEYOND THIS

ONE'S LIFE REMAINS LARGELY THE SAME,
ONE DIES YOUNG; KILLED TWO TORMENTED YEARS LATER, HAVING KILLED FOUR THEMSELVES,
AND ONE EXPLOITS THE WORLD FOR ALL THEY'RE WORTH, BUT CONTINUES SHOUTING DINERS LUNCH (THOUGH NEVER JOINING TO EAT).

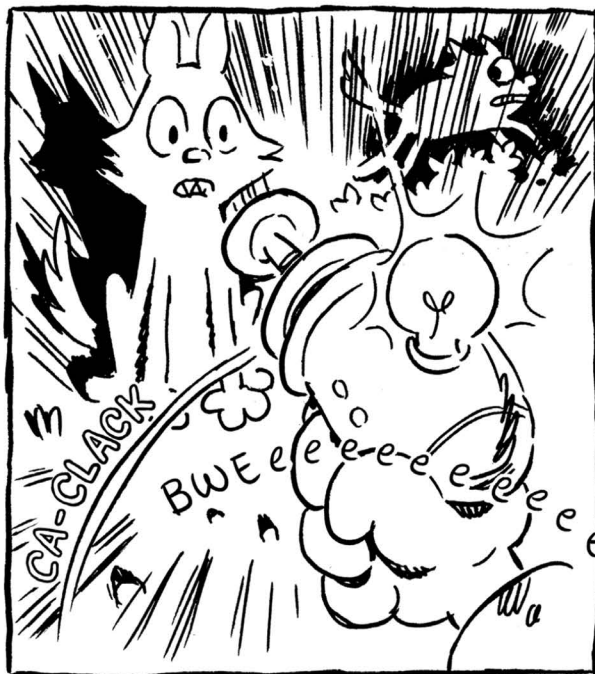
THE DINER OPENS ITS DOORS EACH DAY, PRECIOUS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, UNTIL IT CHANGES HANDS AND THE FOOD AND ATMOSPHERE GO COLD,
BUT IT IS REMEMBERED FONDLY.



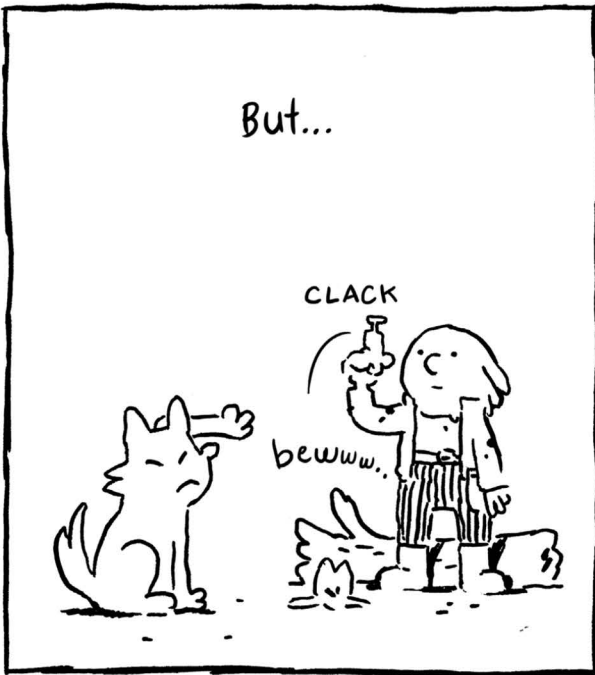
SMITH GRIND OVER OOO, RAGNAROK RIDGE, 11 AM



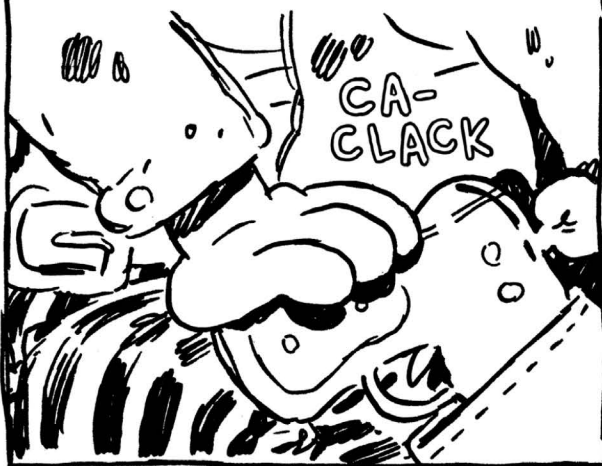
How can I be free until
I learn my OWN RULES?



But...



...is doing the opposite of what
I'm told any more FREE than
doing exactly what I'm told?



Is there even any such thing
as freedom at all?



"I have searched everywhere to find an answer to my question, 'Is there enlightenment?' but have never questioned the search itself. Because I have assumed that goal of enlightenment exists, I have had to search. It is the search itself which has been choking me and keeping me out of my natural state. There is no such thing as spiritual or psychological enlightenment because there is no such thing as spirit or psyche at all. I have been a damn fool all my life, searching for something which does not exist. My search is at an end."

-U.G. Krishnamurti





HOW TO POSTPONE DRAWING A **'BLE'** CARTOON

ARTIST AND WRITER: BOB "DINK" JOHNSON



Go to a kitchen store and buy the latest coffee maker



Study a book about how to make a perfect cup of coffee



Go to a furniture store and buy a new chair for your drawing table



Study the instructions about how to put the chair together



Study the cartoons in old issues of **'BLE'**



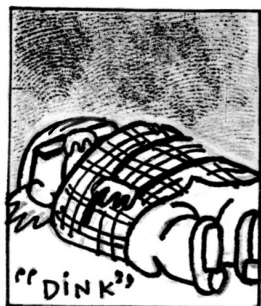
Try putting the chair together



Go out and donate the old **'BLE'** magazines to a thrift store



Look around the neighborhood for funny things happening



Have a nap for a few hours (back in the apt.)



Seek spiritual guidance



Make a cup of coffee (a good one hopefully)



AND THEN ---
remember that **'BLE'** has the lowest standard of any magazine in the world --- so just relax and draw some **CRAP!**



LETTERS TO THE BLEEDITOR

Dear BLE,

My wife says that I am excessively dominated by the bilious humours, leading to a personality that verges dangerously on the choleric. I say the whole matter can be settled by the application of leeches! Which of us is right?

Chet Rafkins

Billings, Montana

Dear Chet,

I believe your letter was meant for the Blood Letting Exhibition (BLE) due to be held next month at the Imperial College of Medicine in London. Bloodletting (one word, so the acronym is, incidentally, misleading) is the ancient art of diagnosing and curing disease by means of the judicious withdrawal of blood from the human body, but obviously I don't have to tell you that! Where I may be of a little help, however, is in directing you and your bride to the work of the great Robert Burton, who, in his mammoth treatise of 1622, *The Anatomy of Melancholy*, advises that "eating the egg of a night-owl causeth abstemiousness." So maybe try that while you're waiting for your message to be redirected—assuming that your goal is abstemiousness, of course. Hope this helps!

The Bleditor

Dear BLE,

My significant other and I are planning a trip to Las Vegas, where I hope to propose. So you can see why I choose to remain anonymous, haha! Naturally, I want to make it the most perfect and memorable occasion possible. To symbolize the strength of my love I plan to find the legendary vessel belonging to the revered Queen of the Nile and hoist it high above my head. In preparation, I need to know how much of a strain this will be on my body, and acquire any advice I can to prepare for the feat. I am six feet four inches tall and weigh 280 lbs. Please let me know if you need any other personal info to come up with an accurate calculation.

Anonymous and Pumped

Dear Anonymous,

First of all, mazel tov! I am sure that if the person you love loves you back in return, everything will go splendidly. I believe, however, that you meant to consult the Barge Lifting Estimator (BLE), a website specializing in the scientific measurement of the necessary strength and conditions to accommodate the raising of various barges. Your question, therefore, is out of my realm of expertise, though I feel it only right to inform you that "Cleopatra's Barge," in the setting of Las Vegas, does not refer to the conveyance used by the final Cleopatra of the Ptolemaic period, to whom I assume you are referring, but is rather a lounge and bar area associated with the Caesar's Palace casino, and as such, is probably constructed in a way that makes it impossible to lift, even for an ambitious and obviously goodhearted person such as yourself. Don't worry, though! There are a lot of other things to lift in Las Vegas, and I am sure you will find the one that suits your purposes.

The Bleditor

Dear BLE,

In this busy modern world I am behind your amazing idea one hundred percent! But while your products are attractive and reasonably priced, I would suggest that the costly surgical procedures needed to install them are beyond the means of worrywarts like me who could probably use them the most. My sister says I should try stuffing them up my nose, but that seems dangerous and impractical. Do you have any future plans for making the benefits of your wonderful sleepwear more accessible for the everyday gal or guy?

Sherry Bloom

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dear Sherry,

I am afraid you have mistaken us for Brain Lingerie Executives (BLE), the women and men behind the pajamas that literally go on your brain—proud sponsors, coincidentally, of this very publication.

Gray matter just got a lot more colorful! A traditional nightcap can make you look like Ebenezer Scrooge. Nobody wants that, and major scientists agree that the inside of your skull is the most important part. Why not keep your encephalic material cozy and relaxed in a private way that is nobody's business but your own? From peekaboo numbers featuring just a hint of occipital lobe to our classic camisole that modestly covers even the biggest cerebellum, it's like they always say: no matter where your head is at, Brain Lingerie always fits your individual style. That's Brain Lingerie. "Give Your Brain a Rest!"

The Bleditor

Dear BLE,
Stop shining in my face! I cannot afford curtains at the present time and my enormous mirror, which blasts your relentless glare directly into my face, is built into the wall of my bedroom, so it cannot be moved. The only choice is for you to shut off that gigantic bulb so I can sleep at night. Please!

Johnny Across the Street

Dear Johnny,
You definitely live across the street from the Electric Lamp Building (ELB), a famous tourist attraction, and the only skyscraper in existence that is shaped like a bedside lamp, its 40,000-watt bulb installed in 1997 to emphasize the amazing largeness of the project and add a certain authenticity. Unfortunately, because you are looking at the front of the building in your mirror, you are reading it as "BLE." The backwards B, L, and E should have tipped you off, but you are understandably under a lot of stress and no one is holding this common error against you. Outside the ELB you will find a thick cord, many feet in circumference, leading into the ground. Just above the visible base of the cord is a dimmer switch. Together with a team of your strongest friends, you may be able to move it down a few notches. Pleasant dreams!

The Bleditor



Dear BLE,
I don't get "Nihilism Funnies." Is it for nihilism or against it? In fact, could someone be "for" nihilism, since, by the definition, as I understand it, a believer in nihilism could be "for" nothing? I am reminded of Nicolas of Cusa, who said, "God is neither nothing nor not nothing, nor is God *both* nothing and not nothing." Later he put forth the opposite view, though with the temerity to add, "I was speaking the truth when I said it, and I am speaking the truth now, when I deny it." Is this what the author of "Nihilism Funnies" is getting at? Similarly, in your regular "Cop and Cop" feature, the hilarious cops (my whole family are big fans!) seem to illustrate some of the principles of relativism as their contradictory interpretations of the law result in zany mix-ups that keep us chuckling. You just might call this pair of hapless lawmen relativists, a school of thought that has been accused of (and, some would argue, mischaracterized as) nihilism by its detractors. Seen in that light, is nihilism at the root of all BLE?

Friedrich Nietzsche
Saxony-Anhalt

Dear Friedrich,
I am sorry. Your letter seems to be meant for BLE (BLE), a humorous publication containing comics and jokes.

The Bleditor

Dear BLT,
You are a great sandwich made of bacon, lettuce, and tomato (BLT). I use mayonnaise, though I have had an aversion to it since childhood. It just works on you! If I had one piece of advice, it would be to make sure that your lettuce is always crisp.

Jenny McNertney
Bangor, Maine

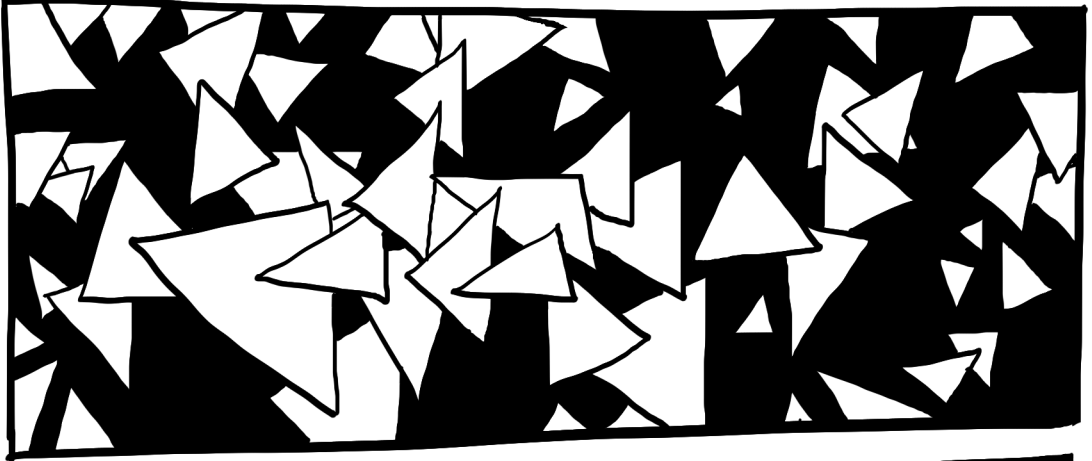
Dear Jenny,
Yes! You did it right. You meant to write a letter to a bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich (BLT) and that's just what you did. I will personally see to it that the sandwich, who has an office across the hall, gets your nice letter.

The Bleditor



"ENJOYING THE PROCESS"

by sloom leoom









PEN
WARD

BLE MAGAZINE #1

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FREE COUGH
RELATIONSHIP TROUBS
AND DOES NOT FIT
IN HOUSE, 659 84777

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LIFE COACH

I'M AWESOME,
LOSERS!

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HIGH POWERED
LEADERSHIP POSITION
UNAVAILABLE,
BENEFITS, FLEX
HOURS, CALL ME

MY NAME IS TREE
TRUNKS AND I AM
WRITING A BOOK
ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS
AND LOVE. I GUESS
WHAT I'M LOOKING
FOR IS SOMEONE TO
DRAW THE PICTURES.

WITH A PIG IS
SOMETIMES EXCITING!
I CANNOT PAY YOU
BUT I CAN OFFER
YOU FREE LOVE
ADVICE AND MY
DELICIOUS PIE.
MY NAME IS
TREE TRUNKS,
LIVE IN THE
FOREST. BYE, NOW!

PRIVATE
DETECTIVE

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I AM 8-MO
THE DETECTIVE
ALSO, I AM A
DJ NOW. CALL!

BUTLER SEEMS
SACRIFICIAL VIRGO
FOR OFFERING, YOU
WILL BE RICHLY RE-
WARDED IN THE 50TH
DEAD WINTER. LE

FUN LOVING GUY
SEEKS ANYONE
FOR WHATEVER!
I WASH, YOU DAY?
239 606 8544

MISSED ENCOUNTER
YOU: BOXY, ELECT-
RIC, ME: DISEMBO-
DIED VOICE, I SAID,
"HEY" BUT YOU
WALKED RIGHT THRU
ME. BUBBLE. 0466
903

SINGLE PALE MALE
FOR LTR. MUST
LIKE GUNTER, GUN-
THER, GUNTER,
GUNTHER, GUNTHER
GUNTHER, ETC.
I LOVE YOU, ICE
KIND. 239 606 8544

CONNER WHITE

A GOOSE
without
A Rhyme
IS LIKE
A CRIMINAL
without
A CRIME